

## **MEDIA ADVISORY**

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**Department of Health Schedules News Conference to Discuss West Nile Virus**  
*Family of a Man Who Died From West Nile Virus Will Share Their Story in Order to Raise Awareness of This Severe Disease*

BISMARCK, N.D. – The North Dakota Department of Health will hold a news conference to discuss the upcoming West Nile virus season and will be joined by family members of a North Dakota man who died this year from the disease that he became sick with in 2012. The family will share their story and explain how they are working to raise awareness about West Nile virus. The news conference will be held Wednesday, May 29, 2013, at 11 a.m., in the Environmental Training Center at 2639 E. Main Ave. Bismarck, N.D.

The following individuals will participate in the news conference:

- Bridgette Readell, daughter of Kim Rath, Hunter, N.D.
- Kary Lindgren, daughter of Kim Rath, Ashley, N.D.
- Michelle Feist, West Nile Virus Program manager, North Dakota Department of Health

Media unable to attend in person are invited to participate by telephone conference call. To connect to the news conference, the media is asked to follow these steps:

- 1) Dial 866.637.9769.
- 2) If you have trouble connecting, call Rene Lafferty at 701.328.2378.

For more information about the news conference, contact Stacy Eberl, North Dakota Department of Health, at 701.328.4619.

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